

## CLAIMS AMENDMENT

1-5. (canceled)

6. (new): A method to inhibit insulin secretion which method comprises contacting cells that secrete insulin with an amount of a composition effective to decrease insulin secretion, wherein said composition inhibits insulin secretion in  $\beta$ TC-6 cells and HIT-T15 cells and is non-cytotoxic to  $\beta$ TC-6 cells, but cytotoxic to HIT-T15 cells; and

which is cytotoxic to SV40 Mes13 cells, but not cytotoxic to MDCK cells, and is prepared by

- a) extracting the bark of *Ficus bengalensis* with a solvent of lower alcohols to obtain an extract;
- b) drying the extract to obtain a residue;
- c) dissolving the residue in methanol;
- d) loading the dissolved residue onto an activated silica gel column;
- e) eluting the column with additional ethanol:hexane (2:1) to obtain an eluent; and
- f) removing solvent from the eluent to obtain said composition.

7. (new): The method of claim 6, wherein said cells are of tumors that secrete insulin and which method comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an amount of said composition effective to treat said tumor.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the cells are of tumors characterized by HIT-T15 or  $\beta$ TC-6 cell line characteristics and which method comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an amount of said composition effective to treat said tumor.